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SUBJECT:EAST EUROPEAN MTN STRATEGY PAPER

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1. PAPER IS DESIGNED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF POSSIBILITY THAT US-HUNGARIAN TRADE AGREEMENT PROVIDING RECIPROCAL EXTENSION OF MFN TREATMENT CAN BE CONCLUDED BEFORE CONCESSIONS NEGOTIATED DURING MTN TAKE EFFECT. OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO COMPLETE TALKS IN MTN BY END OF 1977, AND CONCESSIONS WOULD TAKE EFFECT SOME TIME AFTER THAT DATE. TARIFF CONCESSIONS WILL BE NEGOTIATED ON MFN BASIS. WE WILL KEEP IN MIND LIKELIHOOD OF VIGOROUS HUNGARIAN RESISTANCE TO SECTORAL IMPORT COMMITMENTS.

2. WE HOPE US AND OTHER MAJOR WESTERN TRADING NATIONS CAN ARRIVE AT COMMON STRATEGY TOWARD EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN MTN. HUNGARY WOULD BENEFIT FROM TARIFF CONCESSIONS OF EC AND OTHERS EVEN IF NOT FROM US CONCESSIONS. MOREOVER, HUNGARY AND OTHER NON-MFN EE'S MAY PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS NON-TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS IN MTN. INCLUSION OF ALL EE MTN PARTICIPANTS IN STRATEGY PAPER IS THUS APPROPRIATE. KISSINGER

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